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R. Scott Jones installed as 82nd ACS President tonight

R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS, a general surgeon from Charlottesville, VA, will be installed as the 82nd President of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) tonight during Convocation ceremonies that conclude the College's annual Clinical Congress. The Convocation will take place at 8:00 pm in the Morial Convention Center Auditorium.

Dr. Jones is currently the S. Hurt Watts Professor and chairman of surgery at the University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville.

A native of Tyler, TX, Dr. Jones attended the University of Texas, and received his medical degree in 1961 from the University of Texas Medical Branch. Dr. Jones completed an internship in surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch (1961-1962), was an assistant resident in surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (1962-1967), an assistant instructor in surgery at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine (1962-1966), and a fellow in the Harrison Department of Surgical Research at the University of Pennsylvania (1962-1967). After serving as a basic science trainee in the Department of Physiology in the School of Medicine at the University of



Dr. Jones

Pennsylvania (1964-1965), Dr. Jones served as chief resident in surgery, instructor in surgery, and as an American Cancer Society Clinical Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania (1966-1967).

Dr. Jones subsequently headed west to complete a fellowship in gastroenterology in the departments of medicine and physiology at the University of California, Los Angeles in 1967. He then

served as a research associate (1967-1968), a clinical investigator (1968-1971), and a medical investigator (1971) at the Veterans Administration Hospital in San Francisco. In addition, Dr. Jones served as an assistant professor of surgery at the University of California, San Francisco, from 1968 to 1971.

Dr. Jones continued his surgical career at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC, where he served as associate professor of surgery (1971-1977) and professor of surgery (1977-1981). He also served as assistant chief of surgery at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Durham from 1971 to 1981. He has held his current position as the S. Hurt Watts Professor and chairman of surgery in the department of surgery at the University of Virginia Health System since 1982.

Dr. Jones became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1975. Since then, he has been an active participant and leader in numerous College activities. He was a member of the College's Committee for the Forum on

Fundamental Surgical Problems from 1979 to 1984 and served as Chair of that committee from 1983 to 1984. Dr. Jones also served as Chair of the Medical Motion Pictures Committee (1986-1987) and Vice-Chair of the College's Program Committee (1989-1991). He served a two-term membership on the College's Board of Governors (1991-1997), and as a member (1991), Vice-Chair (1992-1994), and Chair (1994-1997) of the College's Advisory Council for Surgery. Dr. Jones also served as Chair of the College's Nominating Committee of Fellows in 1998. Since 1991, he has been an active member of the Committee on Applicants and the Virginia Chapter's Membership Committee.

Dr. Jones has been awarded memberships and has held leadership positions in numerous surgical organizations. He was president (1984) and chairman of the Board of Trustees (1985-1986) of the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract; was treasurer and a member of the Board of Trustees of the American

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Martin Memorial Lecture

Due to a last-minute cancellation, Rev. Peter J. Gomes will not be presenting the Martin Memorial Lecture this afternoon. Instead, the College has scheduled a session titled Unconventional Civilian Disasters: What the Surgeon Should Know.

ACS President Harvey W. Bender, Jr., MD, FACS, will offer introductory remarks. David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS, San Diego, CA, Chair of the College's

Committee on Trauma, will present A Community "Systems Response." Donald Fry, MD, FACS, Albuquerque, NM, will discuss Chemical and Biological Disasters—The Details.

The session will take place from 3:15 to 3:55 pm in the Conference Auditorium of the Morial Convention Center. This timely program will be followed by the Annual Meeting of Fellows and Initiates.



Richard L. Simmons, MD, FACS (right), receives a copy of the Owen H. Wangenstein Surgical Forum, Volume LII, from Robert M. Mentzer, Jr., MD, FACS, Chair, Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems.



Dr. Hoyt



Dr. Fry

Seeds of surgical impairment planted during training

Thomas J. Krizek, MD, FACS, posed the question, Surgery: An Impairing Profession? during yesterday's Ethics and Philosophy Lecture. To this query, he responded "I believe we may be an impairing profession." However, he said, "we don't have to be." Dr. Krizek is a professor of religious studies and professor of surgery and medicine (ethics) at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

The evidence that surgery may be an impairing profession can be found in data indicating that the rates of alcoholism, drug addiction, emotional disease, and divorce are all higher among surgeons than the rest of society. Moreover, Dr. Krizek noted that early this year, four Fellows of the College committed suicide; two were about to assume leadership of national surgical organizations.

"Was surgery itself part of their impairment?" Dr. Krizek asked. "Perhaps our profession is not as collegial as we'd like to think."

Dr. Krizek, a recovering alcoholic, defined impairment among surgeons as being "no longer capable of performing in a professionally safe fashion." He said the College has long accepted the fact that some surgeons are impaired and 10 years ago, published the manual *The Impaired Physician*. More recently, the

ACS developed a videotape called "Out of Control" on the effects of drug and alcohol abuse on surgeons.

However, it is not enough for one organization to accept the realities of impairment. The profession itself and surgical training programs must change in order to reduce the risk of impairment. Particularly important are changes in the educational process, because it is during training that surgeons develop both good and bad habits, he said.

He noted that most medical students possess high intelligence, demonstrate responsible behavior, study and work hard, take a logical and scientific approach to solving problems, and care for living creatures. "Either we selectively choose impaired persons or we are reverse alchemists," Dr. Krizek said.

"We learn character from role models and mentors," Dr. Krizek added. Unfortunately, some practicing surgeons are poor role models, having abusive, disruptive, or harassing personalities. Adding to the problem is the fact that the extent of a surgeon's support systems decreases as one goes through college, medical school, and resident training.

Dr. Krizek offered 10 observations on what factors involved in the surgical training process are impairing. They are as follows:

1. The length of training is too long. Dr. Krizek added that all surgical trainees must complete programs of predetermined duration, but what they learn may vary. "The constant is time, and the variable is quality," he said. "We have the wrong constant and the wrong variable." Further, he noted that more and more surgeons are retiring in their 50s because the pressures associated with the profession. Because surgeons don't complete their training until they are in their mid-30s, they can only practice for about 20 years. If the length of training were reduced, residents could look forward to longer and more productive careers.
2. The financial sacrifice is too great. He said residents should earn a living wage and pay tuition. If they earned a reasonable amount of money during their residencies, they would be more likely to "give back" to the system that trained them after their practices get off the ground and should be expected to do so.
3. The hours of work are too many. Work hours should be devoted primarily to learning, Dr. Krizek said. Unfortunately, surgical residents are currently admired and rewarded for simply working longer hours.
4. Sleep deprivation is dangerous. He noted that lack of sleep distorts thinking and is incompatible with learning.
5. Surgery is emotionally draining.

"Socially virtuous professions use up emotion," Dr. Krizek said. Residents are often the ones who must explain to family members why a patient died during an operation. "Residents nurture; who nurtures them?" he noted.

6. There is "a tragic need to suppress emotions." Residents are taught to "suppress secrets, hide grief, and deal with challenges to honesty and integrity," Dr. Krizek said.

7. Fragmentation of surgeons begins early. Residents are segregated on the basis of the specialty they choose, and these divisions continue throughout their careers. "The ACS must be an umbrella for all surgeons," he said, to help surgeons come together and be part of a larger group.

8. Mistakes are not handled appropriately. They usually are handled with silence, disapproval, or accusations of liability.

9. Impairment may be behavioral, the result of injury, or the product of chemical dependency. It is important that surgeons reach out to impaired residents and colleagues. "Why should we do it?" he asked. "Because they can't do it alone."

10. If the training process is changed, the profession will reap rewards. "The seeds of impairment are planted in residency," Dr. Krizek added. What fruit those seeds will bear is up to the profession.

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Surgical Association (1995-2000); was president of the Southern Surgical Association (1992); and president of the Halsted Society (1996). He has also served as director of the American Board of Surgery (1984-1990) and director of the American Board of Emergency Medicine (1988-1990), served on the National Institutes of Health Study Section, and served as chair (1995-1997) and a member of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Residency Review Committee of Surgery (1990-1997).

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Jones has been awarded numerous

honors, including membership in Alpha Omega Alpha and the Society of the Sigma XI; honorary membership in the Singleton Surgical Society, the Texas Surgical Association, and the Muller Surgical Society. He has received the Joseph B. Kass Award for Research, the Ashbel Smith Distinguished Alumnus Award at the University of Texas Medical Branch, and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Duke University Medical Center.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Jones has demonstrated a strong commitment to disseminating surgical knowledge. He has authored or coauthored more than 160 articles in a wide

range of medical and surgical journals and has served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*, the *Journal of Surgical Research*, *Viewpoints on Digestive Diseases*, the *Journal of Digestive Diseases and Sciences*, *Annals of Surgery*, *Surgical Gastroenterology*, the *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*, *American Surgeon*, and *Digestive Surgery*.

Dr. Jones currently resides in Charlottesville, VA, with his wife, Carol.

Other officials to be installed tonight are Kathryn D. Anderson, MD, FACS, as First Vice-President, and Claude H. Organ, Jr., MD, FACS, as Second Vice-President. Dr. Anderson is surgeon-in-

chief, department of surgery, Children's Hospital, Los Angeles, CA. She has served as Secretary of the College since 1992 and has been a member of the Advisory Councils for Surgical Specialties.

Dr. Organ is chair of the surgery residency program and professor in the department of surgery at the University of California, Davis-East Bay. He has been a member of the ACS Commission on Cancer and the International Relations Committee. Dr. Organ is also the 1999 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award—the highest honor accorded by the American College of Surgeons.

The following companies have supported the Clinical Congress with advertisements in the Exhibit Guide section of this issue:

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College names three honorary Fellows

Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons will be awarded to three prominent surgeons from Japan, Finland, and Germany tonight during Convocation ceremonies, which will take place at 8:00 pm in the Morial Convention Center Auditorium. The awards presentation is one of the highlights of the Clinical Congress. The recipients are as follows:

•**Pekka Häyry**, MD, PhD. Professor Häyry is a professor of transplantation surgery and immunology at the Haartman Institute, at the University of Helsinki in Helsinki, Finland.

•**Minoru Hirano**, MD, PhD. Dr. Hirano is the current president of Kurume University in Kurume, Japan.

•**Albrecht F.W. Encke**, MD, FACS. Professor Encke is a professor of surgery at the University Frankfurt am main Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität in Frankfurt, Germany.

Presenting the Honorary Fellowships on behalf of the College will be: Thomas E. Starzl, MD, FACS, Pittsburgh, PA;



Dr. Häyry

Gerald B. Healy, MD, FACS, Boston, MA; and Margaret F. Longo, MD, FACS, Hot Springs, AR.

During the College's Convocation ceremonies tonight, 1,786 surgeons from around the world will be admitted into Fellowship. With a membership of



Dr. Hirano

more than 60,000, the College is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

Sir Rickman Godlee, President of the Royal College of Surgeons (England), was awarded the first Honorary Fellowship in the College during the



Dr. Encke

College's first Convocation in 1913. Since then, 374 internationally prominent surgeons, including the three chosen this year, have been named Honorary Fellows of the American College of Surgeons.



Past recipients of the Distinguished Service Award gathered for their annual luncheon Tuesday. Pictured in the front row, left to right: John O. Gage, Pensacola, FL; Josef E. Fischer, Boston, MA; James C. Thompson, Galveston, TX; Seymour I. Schwartz, Rochester, NY; Harris B. Shumacker, Jr., Delray Beach, FL; S. Stuart Mally, and Boca Raton, FL. Back row, left to right: Vallee L. Willman, St. Louis, MO; Claude H. Organ, Jr., Oakland, CA; Frank Padberg, Chicago, IL; Murray F. Brennan, New York, NY; C. Barber Mueller, New York, NY; and C. Thomas Thompson, Tulsa, OK.

Allied Meetings

Thursday

Morning

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, International Committee
7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Magnolia, Floor 3

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Research Foundation Research Committee
7:30 am - 9:30 am Breakfast Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Marlborough B, Floor 2

Society of Surgical Chairmen
7:30 am - 5:30 pm Meeting
Windsor Court, La Gallery A/B, Floor 4

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Membership Committee
8:00 am - 9:00 am Breakfast Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Rosedown, Floor 3

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Standards Committee
11:30 am - 4:00 pm Meeting/Luncheon
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Rosedown, Floor 3

Afternoon

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Public Relations Committee
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Meeting/Luncheon
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Magnolia, Floor 3

American Society of Colon and Rectal and Surgeons, Editorial Board of DC&R
2:30 pm - 6:00 pm Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Marlborough A, Floor 2

Evening

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Program Committee
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Magnolia, Floor 3

Friday

Morning

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Web Site Committee
7:30 am - 8:30 am Breakfast Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Oak Alley, Floor 3

Afternoon

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Pre-Agenda
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Oak Alley, Floor 3

Evening

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Executive Council
5:00 pm - 10:00 pm Meeting
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Belle Chase, Floor 3

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Executive Council
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Dinner
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Prince of Wales, Floor 2

Don't miss your Friday CCN

Fellows who will not be in New Orleans on Friday to pick up their copy of the *Clinical Congress News* (CCN) may obtain one by notifying the CCN office in the Morial Convention Center (tel. 670-4914)—we will be happy to mail the issue to you.

The Friday issue contains information on:

- Coverage of the Presidential Address of R. Scott Jones, MD, FACS
- Convocation activities
- The recipient of the Distinguished Service Award
- Announcement of the College's President-Elect and other Officers-Elect
- Information on new and re-elected Regents and Governors

Also, any back issues of this week's CCN may be obtained after the Congress by contacting Stephen Regnier, Communications, 633 N. Saint Clair St., Chicago, IL 60611-3211; tel. 312/202-5331, e-mail sregnier@facs.org.



ACS launches CME Joint Sponsorship Program

The Office of Continuing Medical Education of the American College of Surgeons has announced the launch of a CME Joint Sponsorship Program. The program will be conducted by the ACS as a national accrediting organization under the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and will offer cost-effective joint sponsorship to not-for-profit surgical organizations nationwide for the CME programs and meetings.

Further information and application materials are available from the program's administrator, Kathleen Goldsmith, at JSP@facs.org.

Activities currently sponsored:

North Pacific Surgical Association
88th Annual Meeting
Victoria, BC, Canada
November 9-10, 2001

Western Surgical Association
2001 Annual Scientific Session
San Antonio, TX
November 11-14, 2001

Ohio State University Cleveland Clinic Foundation
Advances in Minimally Invasive Surgery
Marco Island, FL
January 25-26, 2002

Peripheral Vascular Surgery Society
12th Annual Winter Meeting
Breckenridge, CO
January 31-February 3, 2002

Pacific Coast Surgical Association
73rd Annual Meeting
Las Vegas, NV
February 15-18, 2002

Surgical Education Week
Joint Meeting of the Association for Surgical Education and the Association of Program Directors in Surgery
Baltimore, MD
April 2-6, 2002

Program Changes

Scientific Exhibits

New Exhibitor/Location Change

SE 143

Primary Tumors of the Appendix: The Experience of a Community Hospital
Noreen K. Durrani, MD, Vijay Mittal, MD, FACS, Providence Hospital, Southfield, MI

SE 198

The Life and Work of the Medieval German Physician Johannes Scultetus
Anke H. Scultetus, MD,

SE 175

Safety and Efficacy of a Biodegradable Membrane Derived from Porcine Intestinal Submucosa to Reinforce the Gastrojejunostomy in Laparoscopic Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass
Subhash Kini, MD

SE 216

Incidence of Cholelithiasis in Morbidly Obese Patients Undergoing Gastric Bypass
D. Artuso, MD, T. Gerabona, MD, A. Kini, MD, P. Nealon, BS, T. Sullivan, BS, J. Savino, MD, Department of Surgery, New York Medical College, Westchester Medical Center, Westchester, NY

SE 236

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Bill Welch, MD, FACS, St. Petersburg, FL

SE 245

Histologic Underestimation: Stereotactic Core Biopsy vs Mammographically Guided Excisional Biopsy in Breast Cancer
Keshav Pandurang, MD, Henry Ford Hospital

SE 284

Sciatic Nerve Injuries Associated with Traumatic Posterior Hip Dislocation: A Ten-Year Study of the Effect of Precare Delivery on the Rate of Sciatic Nerve Injury

Robert F. Hillyard, MD, Jolene Fox, RN, LDS Hospital, Divisions of Orthopedic Surgery and Trauma Services, Salt Lake City, UT

SE 300

Hellp Syndrome and Intrahepatic Hemorrhage: A Surgical Challenge
Ourania Preventza, MD, Stephen ReMine, MD, FACS, Providence Hospital, Southfield, MI

SE 311

Pitfalls in Management and Diagnosis of Diaphragm Injury
Todd Richardson, MD, Vijay Mittal, MD, FACS, Providence Hospital, Southfield, MI

SE 315

Five-Year Evaluation of Neurological Trauma at a Trauma Center
Jolene Fox, RN, Harrison M. Lazarus, MD, FACS, Terry P. Clemmer, MD, James F. Orme, MD, Scott C. Gardner, PA, Mark H. Stevens, MD, LDS Hospital, Department of Trauma Services and Critical Care Medicine, Salt Lake City, UT

SE 316

Bleeding in Two Patients after Cyrosurgery Gastric Bypass Secondary to Coumadin
Erin Price, MD, Shawn Garber, MD, Michael Tiller, MD, Nageswara Mandava, MD, St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center, New York Medical College, Brooklyn and Queens Region, NY

Reassigned

SE151 (SE 143)

Epidemiology of Selected Microbial Pathogens in Surgical Critical Care and Transplant Patients: Laboratory and Clinical Perspective
Charles E. Edmiston, Jr, PhD, CIC, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI



The Past-Presidents of the College met Tuesday for their annual luncheon. Pictured in the front row, left to right: George R. Dunlop, Worcester, MA; James C. Thompson, Galveston, TX; Frank C. Spencer, New York, NY; W. Gerald Austen, Boston, MA; C. Rollins Hanlon, Chicago, IL; and Henry T. Bahnson, Pittsburgh, PA.
 Back row, left to right: Seymour I. Schwartz, Rochester, MN; David G. Murray, Syracuse, NY; LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., Washington, DC; Lloyd D. MacLean, Montreal, PQ; G. Tom Shires, Las Vegas, NV; and Thomas R. Russell, Chicago, IL, ACS Executive Director.

Caps and gowns

Distribution of caps and gowns will start today, from 2:00 pm until the Convocation ceremony begins, at the Morial Convention Center, Conference Auditorium foyer, second floor. Caps and gowns may be turned in at the same location following the conclusion of Convocation.

Announcements

Shuttle bus service runs today from 7:15 am until approximately 7:30 pm, then one-half hour following Convocation ceremonies.

Today is your last chance to visit the scientific and technical exhibits. The exhibit hall will close today at 1:30 pm.

Registration totals

As of Wednesday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 11,800; 6,533 were physicians and the rest were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.



The International Guest Scholars for 2001 and International Relations Committee members gathered on Tuesday. Pictured front row, left to right: Marvin Jose Lopez, Chair of the Selection Subcommittee; Diego Luis Sinagra, Argentina; M. Virginia Rodriguez Funes, El Salvador; Emmanuel Rapuluchuk Ezeome, Nigeria; and Keith A. Kelly, Chair, International Relations Committee.
 Back row, left to right: Juan Carlos Meneu-Diaz, Spain; Mehmet Ayhan Kuzu, Turkey; and Noel Ernesto Corrales V., Guatemala.